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Dear Paul,

7/4/79

Your 7/4 with enclosures here today. Thanks for the info and suggestions.

On the backfire plot and the Pearson story, I'm glad to get the date. I knew it only approximately.

Of this you say, "I'm sure it is all related somehow! Too complicated for me to follow."

I've done more thinking about it and again, sorry, I'd like you not to distribute in part because of where I hope to be able to go with it and in part because I am now even more afraid of misuses. I agree that it appears to be complicated. In the end I think it will not be.

In your Army docs memo you agree the AIB did no good making all that fuss over the story they sensationalized. This is part of what I fear. Worse is more serious misuses and they and others are now hungup and likely to be even more tempted. But if I decide I can't find a responsible use and can't go any farther with this I'll let you know. Don't forget, while the Army destroyed its records, and I'm the one who put that out after getting their file numbers, distributed copies of some are in other files and I have appeals pending. In fact, I may be getting some action on some soon. If I get anything of worth I'll send it.

I've gone over everything I got from 89-43 and have an Army file. It also includes what I've copied from FBIHQ files. If there is anything of value I spotted I'll check for it. Soon as I can. Affidavit business coming up again ~~promot~~ but not for as long.

I'll also recheck the Serials for date to see if they are out of order. And those I didn't send, if I have them. It is possible that some were serialized late. We've found a few other cases of this. But I'll let you know.

I can't write the strange call about the Silver Dollar war room off. Maybe it means nothing but it can't be merely discarded out of hand.

I thought the closeness of the 112th and the Dallas cops was clear by now.

Because I also feel the effort to get what might still be obtained is worthwhile and because the possible sinister aspects can't be ignored I do feel that this should not get to those whose records are not pleasing to me and whose judgement I do not trust. It can kill any possibilities. Whatever they may still be.

Rae will do the checking as soon as we finish up some King records checking. We are deposing FBI FOIA agents. Two days this past week.

Your 6/30 newsletter/Blahut: it was daytime, when a staffer left the room, as I understand it. ...I've not seen the Stokes statement you say you heard of.

Your 6/23 newsletter, #5, the Zodiac story on the "rading suit interests. I'd heard nothing recently.

6/18, on LEIU, 9-13 and anything else on that. Revill pretty far right.

6/9 Clippings and Stuff: Both your Ford and JFK Haworski book mentions are interesting if you ever see them. I don't have the book. And I've forgotten the flak Bradlee got over losing the Morgan-Roselli story. Losing? Or killing? Interests me now if I know it then for I've forgotten if I did.

100-16601-1 and Serial: maybe referring to as FBI will prompt further search. 92 is an organized crime file and obviously inapplicable.

67-798-3050 and the stuff I sent: I can't argue with you but I'm not satisfied it was a normal check of the kind we were told Gale made. Jogging me on numbers helps me feed back. The copy of the memo Hosty was told to make and did and Shanklin did not forward is in the same file, Serial 3048, although as I recall not retrieved until 4975.

Good letter to Edward on don't let the FBI have a fire. I've not been in touch with any except for writing Perling after the suit was filed. The others don't want me or the help I can provide and I don't want any public association with some of them. If those in the Congress wanted help they'd be asking and know how to...Perlin's looks better. JL also wrote him. ...Probably won't mail this until we can do the checking you want. Best wishes,